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THE SURFACE OF BACTERIAL CELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims is reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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